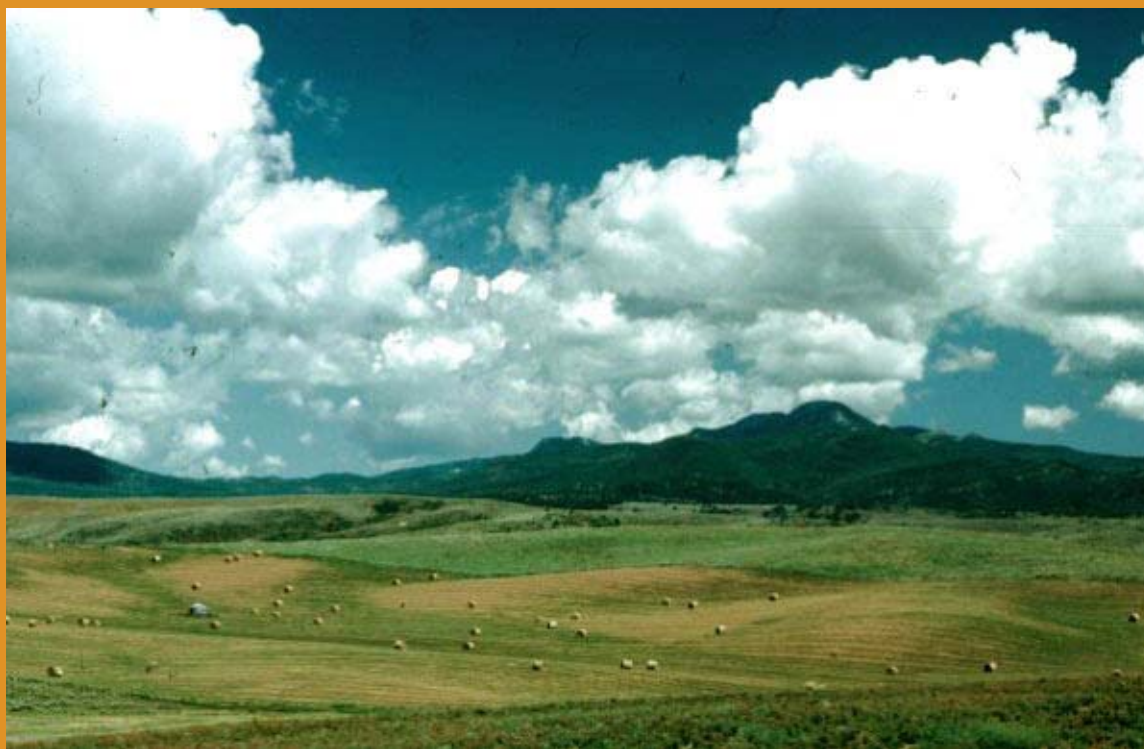


Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)



The Program

The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and ranch lands in agricultural use. Working through existing programs, USDA partners with State, tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations to acquire conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value.

To qualify, farmland must:

- Be subject to a pending offer from a State, tribe, or local farmland protection program;
- Be privately owned;
- Have a conservation plan for highly erodible land;
- Be large enough to sustain agricultural production;
- Be accessible to markets for what the land produces;
- Have adequate infrastructure and agricultural support services;
- And have surrounding parcels of land that can support long-term agricultural production.

2003 Farm and Ranchland Protection Program Activities

Entity	County	Type	Acres	Fed. Share
Boulder County Parks & Open Space	Weld	Farm	48	\$242,179
Gunnison Ranchland Cons. Legacy	Gunnison	Ranch	652	\$530,122
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The Trust for Public Lands	Custer	Ranch	804	\$500,000
Mesa Land Trust	Mesa	Orchard	29	\$153,500
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Mesa Land Trust	Mesa	Farm	118	\$322,500
Co. Cattlemen's Ag. Land Trust	Saguache	Ranch	1500	\$656,250
Aspen Valley Land Trust	Garfield	Ranch	170	\$450,000
Yampa Valley Land Trust	Routt	Ranch	387	\$185,485
Total			4031	\$3,398,953

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